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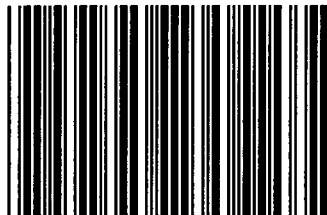
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BAUCUS

Introduction of the President of the United States

Saturday, May 9, 1998

Williamsburg, Virginia

Thank you very much.

History is made in many ways.

Sometimes it is dramatic. A world war. The birth of a new nation. Landing on the Moon.

Other times, the making of history is less obvious to the makers.

all history has in common is

What ~~is common in all history is that history requires~~ leaders. Real leaders. Men and women whose very existence revolves around making a difference in our world.

Early 20th century frontier novelist Willa Cather put it this way in her book *Pioneers* "The history of every country begins in the heart of a man or a woman."

Heart. Courage. Leadership.

Our President has all three.

In the wake of the 1994 elections, Democrats had a choice. We could hide among the shadows of the minority, or we could come out fighting for what we believed in.

Led by a courageous President we decided to fight. Following his lead we stood true to our values and worked hard to make America a better place for everyone. We should be proud of the results.

We balanced the budget.

We saved Medicare.

We raised the minimum wage.

We reduced taxes on working families.

And we increased access to health care for kids.

This is our record...it is our legacy...and it is the very foundation for our future.

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New World
Mine ...
Yellowstone
2 yr. effort
to stop
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U.S. Govt
bought it
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Park...
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A record and a legacy that may not hold the drama of the birth of a nation, but that will nevertheless be remembered by historians as an important period in the history of our nation.

History that will remember a courageous President who renewed America's spirit, healed our communities, and gave working people hope again.

Hope that our children will have the same opportunities our parents fought so hard to give us.

Hope that the path before us will be filled with promise, prosperity and freedom for all Americans.

Hope that has sprung from the heart, the soul and the vision of a great leader.

Walt Whitman said once that "The proof of a poet is that his country absorbs him as affectionately as he has absorbed it."

I believe the same is true of leaders.

Anyone who has spent time with the President knows he is truly absorbed by this nation of ours. And in return he has earned our affection, our respect and our thanks.

Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States.

Work to be done

tobacco
healthcare for kids

Education

Jobs

Work of Peace